



# BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 19th September 2021

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**In brief:** We respectfully request that if you handle and Missalette and/or a newsletter, **kindly take them home with you** and please do not return them to the table for another parishioner or a visitor to handle. Thank you!

**Booterstown Parish Website** is updated weekly. Visit [www.booterstownparish.ie](http://www.booterstownparish.ie) to keep up to date with liturgical and parish news.

**Safeguarding Sunday will be celebrated** in the Archdiocese next weekend.

**The Parish Office will be closed** from Thursday 23rd September to Monday 27th September inclusive.

**Sunday Missalettes:** If you continue to attend Sunday Mass on webcam rather than to physically return to the church just yet, you are welcome to call to the church during the week and take a **Sunday Missalette** in advance of the weekend Masses. They are usually on the table at the back of the church from the preceding Thursday. We have plenty of copies!

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday Vigil at 6 o'clock and Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please try to arrive in good time to allow sufficient time to be seated in the church. The church is now permitted to have a congregation of 50% of the capacity of the church. This is about 220 people. Please endeavour to leave 2 spaces between you and your fellow parishioner. If someone sits directly in front of you, please try to move one or two spaces along your seat. We ask that you continue to maintain social distancing including when approaching for Holy Communion.

### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Mark 9: 20-37



1. Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.

2. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?

3. The sacrifices made by front line health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic were an inspiration to many. They put themselves at risk to care for the sick, and some of them died. Are there other people who have inspired you by their service of others.

4. Achievement, affirmation, recognition, and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. Who are the people whose support and assistance help you now? What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others?

**The celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion** have resumed. We are overjoyed to have these celebrations again. Baptism ceremonies and small First Holy Communion ceremonies (Class of 2020) are being celebrated in the church on most Saturdays, unless there is a wedding. The Sacraments of Confirmation for the Classes of 2020 of both parish schools and Catholic Students attending non-Catholic schools in this parish will take place during November Letters were emailed to parents and guardians during the past week, using a g-mail account. Parents, please check your email and remember to check the spam mail also. Sacraments will be performed within the public health guidelines, adhering to numbers permitted in the church, the wearing of masks and social distancing. Archbishop Farrell continually urges parishes to remind families that a Social Gathering after the church ceremony should be avoided. This advice is borne from a genuine concern for all the intergenerational members of every parish family.

**Baptisms this weekend:** We welcome Emma-Kate, Faye, Emily, Hannah and Isla into our Christian Community this weekend. We congratulate Jakub, Cillian, William, Arnav and Sahil, Savio, Georgia and Isla who continue on their Faith Journey and received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We hope all the families enjoyed their special day.

**Webcam** Join our virtual parish community via the parish webcam which continues to broadcast live the 10 o'clock Mass from Tuesday to Saturday inclusive. The Vigil Mass at 6 o'clock and Sunday Masses at 9.00 am and 11 am are also broadcast on webcam. If you are not free to join the livestream, a recording of the Mass can be played back later in the day, at your own convenience. The recordings are retained for about 24 hours and then deleted.

**Radio Maria - Visit:** On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, Fr. Eamonn McCarthy (of the Cloyne Diocese) celebrated Mass at 10.00 am in our church. Fr. Eamonn is the Priest Director of Radio Maria and one or two studio volunteers. The purpose of the visit was to promote the resource of a 24/7 Catholic Radio Station to the congregation and the wider parish. Radio Maria has experienced considerable growth during the pandemic and it is a free service.

**Little Sisters of the Assumption:** Sr. Bride Counihan extends a very sincere thank you to the parishioners who supported the Missionary Order's recent appeal in Booterstown. Total donations, amounting to €2,405, were received for which the sisters are sincerely grateful.

**Lumen Dominican Centre, Si-on Hill Campus, Blackrock:** The prospectus for the Autumn term is now available. See [www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie) for further details of Tel. 01 2882075.

**Is God calling you to be a Priest?** Every journey starts with a single step.....Take the first step now and contact Fr. Seamus McEntee, Vocations Director, Dublin Diocese 086-7750177 or [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie); or Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy, Assistant Director of Vocations on 01 459 0746 or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindioces.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindioces.ie) or [www.dublindiocese.ie/vocations](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/vocations)

**St. Vincent de Paul:** If you need some support and assistance with expenses such as heating, medical expenses, school expenses, shopping etc., the St. Vincent de Paul Conference members request that you make initial contact with their Head Office on 01-855 0022 and leave your contact details. A member will then contact you in complete confidence.

**Pastoral Letter on Climate Crisis:** Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written a Pastoral Letter "*The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor*" - The Climate Catastrophe – Creation's urgent call for change. Copies of the booklet, published by Veritas, are available on the table at the rear of the church. May we request a donation of €3 towards the cost of the booklet. The offering can be dropped in to one of the donation boxes, adjacent to the church shrines.

**Bewley's Big Coffee Social Morning in aid of Blackrock and Harold's Cross Hospices** will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Café 67, on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 8.30 am until 11.30 am.** Please call in after the school drop-off, or after 10 am Mass, or at any time during the morning. We look forward to meeting you. Donations may be made in cash or by Tapping your card. **Please remember that you will need to produce proof of vaccine to attend this indoor event.**

**Creation Hour** will be celebrated in the Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion today, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4.00 pm. A celebration of Creation with reflections, poems, readings, birdsong, live music and seed exchange. Bring along your garden seeds (paper bag/envelope and name of plant or flower) to share! <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2021>

**Recently Deceased:**

Evelyn McArdle, Trimleston, Ben Salia, who died in the Ivory Coast, Mamie Clancy, Trimleston, John Keegan, Lar Lawless and Jerry Ryan, former barman in Gleeson's. We remember two sisters of the late Dessie Murphy, formerly of Grotto Avenue and a founding member of Booterstown Parish Youth Club. Dessie's two sisters, Bernadette Brennan and Maura Murphy died in the USA during the past year. A Memorial Mass, followed by the burial of their ashes, was celebrated here on Saturday. May they Rest in Peace.

**Anniversaries:**

**Vigil:** Patricia Semple; Michael Mac Namara. **9.00 am:** Vera O'Connor (1<sup>st</sup> A). **11:00 am:** Manus Duff (1<sup>st</sup> A); Liam Ryan. **We remember those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Fergus Rowan, Seamus Kirrane, Mary Maher, Hop Montgomery, Paschal Lyng and Paddy Davis.

Priests of the Parish		Confessions
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	By Arrangement with Fr. Gerry Kane
		Special arrangements are available for those with a disability. Please contact clergy
Email & Website		Baptisms
<a href="mailto:info@booterstownparish.ie">info@booterstownparish.ie</a>		Third Saturday of the month @ 12 noon
<a href="http://www.booterstownparish.ie">www.booterstownparish.ie</a>		Marriages
Mass Times		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
<b>Saturday:</b> 10am & Vigil Mass at 6pm		
<b>Sunday:</b> 9am and 11.am		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O'Donoghue
<b>Tue- Fri:</b> 10 am		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
Rosary		(Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
Tue – Sat at 9.40 am		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
Eucharistic Adoration		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
Tuesday after 10 am Mass – 10pm		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223